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## **AG STRANGE REVIEWS COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS OF ALABAMA GUN LAWS IN BESSEMER, SELMA, ONEONTA, WEAVER**

(MONTGOMERY) - Attorney General Luther Strange today released public statements about formal complaints received by his office concerning possible unlawful prohibitions of firearms in Bessemer, Selma, Oneonta and Weaver. After reviewing and investigating each complaint, the Attorney General's Office worked with the public entity to achieve compliance with state law.

The results of the Attorney General's investigations are summarized below, along with links to his determinations.

### **City of Bessemer**

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the City of Bessemer failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at the Bessemer Public Library, as well as prohibiting firearms at city parks by municipal code. After the Attorney General communicated with the City of Bessemer, the signs prohibiting firearms were removed. The City additionally stated that it has not enforced the local ordinance prohibiting firearms in the park and that it will not do so. Because the City of Bessemer is now compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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### **Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Selma**

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Selma failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms. After the Attorney General communicated with the Board, the signs prohibiting firearms were removed. Because the Waterworks and Sewer Board of the City of Selma is now compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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**City of Oneonta**

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the City of Oneonta failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at City Hall. After the Attorney General communicated with the City of Oneonta, it was found that the City Hall is located within the municipal complex, which also houses the police department and municipal court. State law provides that weapons may be prohibited inside a building that houses a police, sheriff's or highway patrol station. Because the City of Oneonta is compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

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**City of Weaver**

The Attorney General's Office reviewed a complaint that the City of Weaver failed to comply with Alabama law because it prohibited firearms at the Public Works Department and at the address for City Hall. After the Attorney General communicated with the City of Weaver, the signs prohibiting firearms at the Public Works Department were removed. Under state law the City does have authority to prohibit firearms at the City Hall because it is housed in the same building as the police department. Because the City of Weaver is now compliant with Alabama law, the Attorney General has determined that no further action is required.

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/File-Firearms-2016-048-Public-Statements>

More detailed information for each of these cases and others can be found on the AG's web site:

<http://www.ago.alabama.gov/Page-Firearms-Alabama-Public-Statements-13A-11-61-3>